## Certification for a Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission Relating to an Elected Official or Candidate for Public Office (Notary Not Required)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts set forth in this attached complaint are true and correct.

Your signature:

Your printed name:

Kenneth W. Sletten

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## \*RCW 9A.72.040 provides that:

"(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."

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## **COMPLAINT ATTACHED**

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Atten:

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Subject: Complaint: Late and incomplete filings by GEORGE WOOTEN.

**First:** Full disclosure: George Wooten was 1 of my 2 primary opponents in the 2006 race for Okanogan County PUD Commissioner. I ended up third of 3, and will not be moving on to the General Election. However: While I may not have a direct interest in the General Election as a candidate anymore, I still have a big interest as an Okanogan County voter and as a customer of the Okanogan County Electric Co-op (the Co-op depends on the Okanogan County PUD for every kilowatt of power it gets via the PUD Loup transmission line).

**Now:** For confirmation of this information I refer you to the PDC online database. Bring up the forms that have been filed for "WOOTEN GEORGE F", and note:

- [1] The C4 Mr. Wooten was required to file on 12 September (with associated Schedule A to C4) was not received by your office until 2006-09-21. The "date filed" recorded on that C4 and Sked A (which I understand is the POSTMARK date) is 18 September. That means he appears to be SIX DAYS late in filing that critical 12 September C4 and Sked A. Since the 12 September C4 filing is the "just before close of primary election" filing, this tardy filing by Mr. Wooten totally deprived all interested citizens from being able to see what his campaign spent money on until AFTER all primary voting was over. This appears to substantially violate both the spirit and the letter of the campaign finance disclosure laws in this State.
- [2] I also respectfully direct your attention to Mr. Wooten's 2006-09-21 Schedule A, that shows as filed (postmarked) 6 days late on 18 September, and received by you on 21 September: He lists only four expenditures, all well over \$50, but does NOT per your requirements itemize the vendor or purpose for ANY of them. Plus he crossed out the date for the 4th expenditure without filling in a replacement date.

[3] With respect to the total dollar amount of expenditures reported but not itemized by Mr. Wooten: He ran newspaper ads for several more weeks than I did, and if I counted correctly ran ads in more newspapers than I did. Lacking any itemization by Mr. Wooten on his last Schedule A we cannot know for sure, BUT: Knowing what my ads cost, and seeing the total of \$1810.57 listed by Mr. Wooten on his 18 Sept. "date filed" Schedule A, that \$1810.57 "feels" about right just to cover the total cost of all the newspaper ads that Mr. Wooten ran before the 19 September primary. In which case:

Where are Mr. Wooten's expenditures or in-kind contributions for all of his campaign signs that are up along the roads and highways all over Okanogan County District # 2 ?? His signs have the look of being at least semi-home-made, but he has a LOT of them. And where are listed expenditures for other routine but common campaign expenses, other than just his newspaper ads and campaign signs ?? For a small campaign there might not be a lot, but it seems like there should at least be some; either cash paid out or in-kind contributions received.

[4] Finally: The C3 Mr. Wooten is listed as filing (postmarked) on 11 Sept, that shows as received by you on 14 September: That C3 shows a total of \$500 in contributions that were received on 28 August. It appears that Mr. Wooten was a week late in filing that C3.

Taken collectively, I would suggest that the above items demonstrate a pattern of substantially late and substantively incomplete PDC filings by Mr. Wooten, that deprived Okanogan County voters in the 2006 Primary Election of the ability to see where, how, and on what Mr. Wooten was spending his money.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sletten

2006-09-25